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July 16, 2014

Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General  
Attn: Antitrust Division  
One Ashburton Place 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston MA 02108

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the application of South Shore Hospital to merge and affiliate with Partners Health Care Group.

I represent a major employer on the South Shore with approximately two hundred (200) employees. As such, our employees and their families are regular users of the medical services provided by our great community hospital.

As a corporate citizen, we have also been a long term financial contributor to the hospital because of the excellent level of care that they provide to the greater South Shore community.

It is my opinion that a merger with Partners Health Care will greatly enhance the medical services provided at our local hospital and will bring "world class" doctors and medical professionals to our region.

As an organization, we whole heartedly support this merger and look forward to the results as it will directly affect all of our employees and their families.

We encourage you to support this application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John C. Boucher  
President/CEO

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